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1. The municipal currency exchange offices in the western sectors of Berlin were authorized to exchange at the rate of 1:1 up to sixty percent of the salaries drawn by residents of the western sectors working in the eastern sector. The offices refuse, however, to honor the requests of members of the east sector (Markgraf) police on the grounds that the western sectors are in solidarity with the striking railway personnel. As a result, 824 police officials living in the western sectors are unable to pay their rent, food, public utilities, etc. The Presidium of the Markgraf Police refuses to intercede; the eastern sector Magistrate declares that the matter is not under its purview. Major Makarov, of the Central Komendatura, has instructed the police to refer the matter to the SMA for decision, but police officials state that no such action has been taken. The Administration of the Interior warns that officials affected by the currency difficulties should either move to the eastern sector or be fired.

Comment: Since it is all but impossible to get housing in the eastern sector of Berlin, the possibility of large-scale dismissals should not be ruled out.

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